

# The Hongkong Telegraph.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1891.

SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER

## Banks.

### THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £2,000,000.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL £580,000.

#### LONDON:

Head Office, 40, Threadneedle Street,  
West End Office, 25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN  
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT,  
Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE,  
ISSUES LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards BILLS for  
COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and  
Agency Business generally, on terms to be had  
on application.

F. W. RUTTER,  
Manager. [10]

### THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital £1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital £500,000

#### HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—  
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman, Esq.,  
Chan K. Shih, Esq., W. Wotton, Esq.,  
C. J. Hirst, Esq., Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.,  
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Esq.,  
A. B. McKean, Esq., Acting Chief Manager.

#### ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN LONDON:—

THOMAS CARMICHAEL, Esq.—Messrs. Dent,  
Palmer & Co.  
JOHN BUTT, Esq.—Messrs. John Buttery &  
Co.  
C. B. STUART-WORTLEY, Esq., M.P., for Hallow,  
Esq., MUNRO, Manager.

#### Bankers:—

London: The Alliance Bank (Ld.)  
Scotland: The Commercial Bank of Scotland.

#### SHANGHAI.

Hui Yu Yuen, Esq., Lin Kwan King, Esq.,  
Ma Kie Tshong, Esq., Cha Ming Sang, Esq.,  
Tong Kwei Sung, Esq.,  
J. D. THORNTON, Manager pro tem.

THE Bank is now prepared to make advances  
on goods in general godowns, and on  
other securities, at rates to be obtained on  
application; also to receive Money on Current  
Account or Fixed Deposit.  
Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.  
CURRENT ACCOUNTS 3 " "  
For Rates of Interest for other periods apply  
to the Manager.  
Hongkong, 17th December, 1891. [1429]

## Notices of Firms.

#### NOTICE.

### THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

MR. EDWARD HOLLOWAY has been  
appointed GENERAL AGENT of this Com-  
pany in China and Japan, succeeding Mr.  
GEORGE B. DODWELL, who resigned to  
devote himself to the affairs of his firm.  
Mr. HOLLOWAY has the Company's Power  
of Attorney to deal with their business affairs  
in China and Japan.  
The Company's agencies in India, Australia  
and the Straits Settlements will be under his  
direct supervision.  
His Office will be in Hongkong.  
T. G. SHAUGHNESSY,  
Vice-President.  
Hongkong, 16th December, 1891. [1522]

### THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS, CHINA AND JAPAN.

THE Company having decided to establish  
their own special Agencies in Hongkong  
and Shanghai, and to appoint a GENERAL AGENT  
who shall devote his services exclusively to their  
business, our Mr. GEO. B. DODWELL has  
this day resigned his position as General Agent  
for China and Japan. It has been arranged that  
the firm will continue to act as the Commercial  
Agents of the Company until January 15th  
next.

#### DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

T. G. SHAUGHNESSY,  
Vice-President,  
Canadian Pacific Railway,  
Hongkong, 16th December, 1891. [1528]

#### NOTICE.

MY Son, HENRY HUMPHREYS, was  
admitted into Partnership with me on  
the 1st day of July last.

#### JNO. D. HUMPHREYS.

THE Business heretofore carried on under  
the name of JNO. D. HUMPHREYS will  
hereafter be conducted under the name of  
John D. Humphreys & Son.

#### JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1891. [1516]

#### NOTICE.

TAI ON SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

I, CHEUK TONG, have this day been  
appointed GENERAL MANAGER of the  
above Company.

#### CHEUK TONG, General Manager.

Hongkong, 25th November, 1891. [1449]

#### NOTICE.

THE Underigned has this day established  
himself as AUCTIONEER and GOODS  
BROKER.

#### GEO. T. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1891. [1444]

## Insurances.

### THE STANDARD A SCOTTISH LIFE OFFICE OF 64 YEARS STANDING, AND ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST AND MOST PROGRESSIVE OF THE PROVIDENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE Standard has a long record of good  
services to refer to; its Funds, annually  
increasing, amount to £7,000,000 Stg.; the  
Premiums are moderate; and all modern features  
consistent with safety have been adopted.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong.

### SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

THE Underigned are insured to accept  
FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on  
favourable terms.  
Current rates and a guaranteed Bonus equal  
to that paid by the local Offices.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,  
Agents,  
No. 2, Queen's Road, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 31st March, 1891. [514]

#### NOTICE.

### THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS  
&c. Policies issued to all parts of the world  
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,  
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE:  
No. 7, QUEEN'S ROAD, W.S.E.  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1891. [516]

#### GENERAL NOTICE.

### THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } \$833,333.33  
EQUAL TO }  
RESERVE FUND } \$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:  
LEE SING, Esq., LO YUEN MOON, Esq.,  
LOY TAO SHUN, Esq.

#### MANAGER:—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken  
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the  
world.

HEAD OFFICE: 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,  
Hongkong, 17th December, 1891. [1518]

## Masonic.

### VICTORIA LODGE

HONGKONG, No. 1026.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above  
LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS'  
HALL, Zealand Street, on TUESDAY, the 22nd  
instant, at 8 for 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting  
Brethren are cordially invited.  
Hongkong, 18th December, 1891. [1531]

## Consignees.

### PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

#### NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship  
"CITY OF DE JANEIRO"  
are hereby notified that their goods are being  
landed and stored at their risk in the Company's  
Godowns at Wanchai, whence delivery may  
be obtained on countersignature of Bills of  
Lading.  
Cargo remaining unclaimed after the 31st inst.,  
will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance is effected.  
J. S. VAN BUREN,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, 14th November, 1891. [5]

#### To be Let.

### THE PREMISES known as Bowington Foundry with Dwelling House (5 Rooms).

Also  
A Large GODOWN, SHEDS, and YARD.  
For further particulars apply to  
GORDON & Co.,  
Hongkong, 16th December, 1891. [1525]

#### TO LET.

NO. 18, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

Apply to  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,  
Hongkong, 4th December, 1891. [1472]

#### TO LET.

With Immediate Possession.

A LARGE WELL VENTILATED  
GODOWN in Duddell Street. Rent very  
moderate.

Apply to  
GEO. P. LAMMERT,  
Duddell Street.  
Hongkong, 12th December, 1891. [1506]

#### TO LET.

ROOMS in Paddell Street on First Floor,  
Suitable for offices.

Apply to  
CRICKSHANK & Co., Ltd.,  
Hongkong, 20th November, 1891. [1535]

#### TO LET.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### TO LET.

AT KOWLOON.

A FEW HOUSES in KNUTSFORD TER-  
RACE, containing 5 Rooms each and  
Bathrooms, Tennis Courts. Healthy situation.  
Cheap Rent.

Apply to  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT  
AGENCY CO., Ltd.,  
Hongkong, 14th December, 1891. [1480]

## Intimations.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.'S

#### CHOICE WINES.

A VALA & Co.'s EXTRA-DRY CHAMPAGNE.  
ADET SEWARD & Co.'s Choice After-Dinner CLARETS.  
do. do. BURGUNDIES.  
L. C. & Co.'s FINE OLD DESSERT PORTS.  
SACCONI'S AMONTILLADO & MANZANILLA.

### Dry Royal Saumur, Haut Launterne.

### RUDESHEIMER, HOCKHEIMER, LAUBENHEIMER.

#### CALIFORNIAN AFTER-DINNER CLARETS AND BURGUNDY.

COURVOISIER'S BRANDIES. HENNESSY'S BRANDIES. EXSHAW'S BRANDIES.

### VERY OLD LIQUEUR BRANDY, 1848 Vintage.

THE CARLTON CLUB WHISKY (11 years old).  
NAPIER JOHNSTONE'S OLD SCOTCH (square bottles).

### L. C. & CO.'S TEACHER'S

### "HIGHLAND CREAM."

DUNVILLE'S & HENRY THOMSON & Co.'s IRISH.  
"STONEWALL" CHO CE OLD BOURBON.

"RED HEART" RUM, "PLYMOUTH" GIN (Very Superior), French & Italian VERMOUTH.

GINGER WINE and GINGER BRANDY. MILK PUNCH. CHERRY CORDIAL.

APRICOT BRANDY, CHARTREUSE, CURACOA, MARASCHINO, "D.O.M."

ANGOSTURA, BOKER'S, ORANGE, DANVITA, CHIRETTA & BOLIVAR BITTERS.

BASS'S PALE ALE, GUINNESS'S DOUBLE STOUT.

THE JAPAN BREWERY & Co.'s LAGER BEER.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1891. [1538]

### MOUTRIE, ROBINSON & CO.

(THE PIANO, ORGAN AND MUSIC WAREHOUSE).

### PIANOS, PIANOS, PIANOS.

BY ALL THE LEADING MAKERS OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING:—

NEW PIANOS, by BROADWOOD.

COLLARD & COLLARD, CRAMER, FLEYEL, HOPKINSON, BRINSMEAD, RUSSELLS, (Transposing Pianos), SCHIEDMAEYER, RACHALS, ROSENKRANZ.

GRANDS:—BROADWOOD, COLLARD & COLLARD, FLEYEL.

YACHT PIANOS (Folding Key-boards). HOPKINSON, CHAPPEL.

2nd-HAND. BROADWOOD (COTTAGES), (PIANETTES), (GRAND), COLLARD & COLLARD (COTTAGE), FLEYEL, STRAUSS, SCHROER and several others.

PRICES RANGE FROM \$150 TO \$800.

All the above instruments can be purchased by

### MONTHLY PAYMENTS.

Being by far the largest Importers of Musical Instruments in the East, MOUTRIE, ROBINSON & Co. are enabled to offer customers every possible advantage in SELECTION and QUALITY, and at

### HOME PRICES.

MONTHLY PAYMENTS. PIANOS ON HIRE FROM \$8 PER MONTH.

Having just received (at our Hongkong and Shanghai houses) a shipment of over—

TWO TONS of Music, containing every possible style and variety, we will from this date to the 31st December, offer a discount of 20 per cent. on all Sheet Music and Editions—PETERS, LITOLFF, and AUGENER.

VIOLINS, BANJOS, GUITARS, MANDOLINS, ZITHERS, DULCIMERS, ACCORDEONS, CONCERTINAS, FLUTES, PICCOLOS, TAMBOURINES, STRINGS, BOWS, BRIDGES, MUTES, PITCH-PIPES, TAIL-PIECES, PEGS—

In fact, every kind of instrument and Fittings possible.

Call and inspect our stock or obtain our Illustrated Catalogue before buying elsewhere.

MOUTRIE, ROBINSON & Co.

UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL, HONGKONG, (And at London, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama).

The ONLY FIRM in the Far East devoting themselves entirely to the Music Trade.

Hongkong, 26th November, 1891. [1780]

### W. BREWER

#### FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

#### AND SEASONABLE GOODS.

A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT.

W. BREWER, UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1891.

## Intimations.

### CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that FRIDAY next, the 20th instant, being CHRISTMAS DAY, and FRIDAY, the 21st instant, 1891, being NEW YEAR'S DAY, will be observed as HOLIDAYS at the Kowloon Customs Office and the Opium Examination Halls.

Work at the Customs Stations, however, will proceed as usual.

J. MCLEAVY BROWN, Commissioner of Customs for Kowloon & District.

Custom House, Kowloon, 18th December, 1891. [1550]

### HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 31st inst., both days inclusive.

J. W. CROSS, Manager.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1891. [1547]

### THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Seventh Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on THURSDAY, the 24th instant, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, and Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 30th November, 1891.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 24th inst., both days inclusive.

MAEWEN, FRICKEL & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1891. [1548]

### THE LABUK PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on MONDAY, the 21st instant, at 5 p.m., for the presentation of the Report of the General Managers and Accounts to 30th September last, and the transaction of any other business that can competently be brought before an Ordinary General Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 13th to 21st instant, both days inclusive.

TURNER & Co., General Managers, The Labuk Planting Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1891. [1568]

### THE HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fifth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th instant, at 4 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Directors Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended October 31st, 1891.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th inst. to the 30th inst., both days inclusive.

W. H. WALKER, Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1891. [1524]

### A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

TO AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS AND OTHERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that all AERATED WATER BOTTLES and SYPHONS bearing the Company's Name and Trade Mark are its property solely, and that any Manufacturer using the same or any Person or Persons other than the Customers of the Firm found in possession of the same will be proceeded against as the law directs.

A. H. MANCILL, Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th August, 1891. [1522]

### REDUCTION IN PRICE.

XMAS AND NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

### WATERBURY WATCHES

(MOST RELIABLE AND ACCURATE TIME-KEEPERS)

E SERIES

is now offered for 2 dollars 50 cents each.

GENTLEMEN'S J SERIES @ \$4.75 EACH.

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Inspection is respectfully invited.

MITSUBI BUSSAN KAISHA, 8, Queen's Road, Central.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1891. [1521]

### FOR SALE.

### THE ENGINES AND BOILER OF THE CHINESE GUNBOAT "CHOP-CHUANG."

THE Engines of the Chop-chuang were constructed by Messrs. INGLIS & Co., of Wanchai, and are of the Compound Inverted Cylinder Direct-Acting Surface Condensing type, cylinders 20" and 38" dia., with a stroke of 26". The crank shaft is 6 1/2" dia. at the crank pin and 7" dia. at the journals. The H.P. Piston Rod is 3" and the L.P. 3 1/2" dia. The Piston and Connecting Rod bolts are 2" dia. Air Pump 1 1/2" dia., by 14" stroke, Single Acting. Circulating Pump 8" dia. by 12" stroke, and Double Acting Feed and Bilge Pump (one each) 4" dia. by 12" stroke.

These Engines have been very little used and are in thoroughly good order. The Boiler is of the Horizontal Multitubular type, with three Furnaces and vertical Domes on top, its dia. is 10ft. 2" by 9ft. 10" long, external measurements; Furnaces, 2ft. 7" dia. 7" Domes, 4ft. 2" dia. by 4ft. high. Tubes, 1 1/2" in number by 37 1/2" dia. It is in fairly good condition, having recently undergone considerable repairs, and would be in active service for over five years.

For Further Particulars, Apply to  
GORDON & Co., Auctioneers, 40, Queen's Road, Central.  
Hongkong, 16th August, 1891. [1517]

## Shipping.

### STEAMERS.

### DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOCHOW. THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN," Captain Ash'on, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 20th December, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, Apply to  
DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, 18th December, 1891. [1529]

### AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, TRIESTE, VENICE AND Fiume.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, THAKAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, and AFRICAN PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship

"MARTA TERESA," Captain R. Denoris, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 22nd inst., at Noon.

Cargo will not be received on board after 3 p.m. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Hongkong, 5th December, 1891. [1474]

### "MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA, VIA INLAND SEA.

THE Steamship

"PATHAN," Captain Roy, will be despatched as above on or about TUESDAY, the 22nd instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 16th December, 1891. [1519]

### FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"HAVERTON," Captain Peters, will be despatched as above on or about THURSDAY, the 24th instant.



## Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,  
LIMITED,  
CHEMISTS, &c.

## CONFECTIONERY.

CHOCOLATES.

NOUGAT.

PRALINES.

PASTILLES.

&c., &c., &c.

BEST QUALITY OBTAINABLE.

No. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

LONDON, HONGKONG AND AMOY.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

WE invite attention to our first supplies

OR

CONFECTIONERY AND

CHRISTMAS GOODS

RECEIVED BY THE LAST MAIL.

JORDAN ALMONDS, NOUGAT, BUT-

TER SCOTCH, ASSORTED TOFFEES,

DRAGEES, PRALINES, and a large selection

of PURE CONFECTIONERY from the leading

Manufacturers.

CADBURY'S SPECIAL CHOCOLATE

CREMES.

PINE, APRICOT, CHERRY, LIME,

GUAVA, and other FRUIT JELLIES in great

variety.

TOM SMITH'S CHRISTMAS CRACKERS.

COLOURED OPALS mounted in Flush,

representing favourite subjects.

A large assortment of ENGLISH and

JAPANESE CHRISTMAS CARDS, of hand-

some and artistic designs, suitable to all tastes,

and at moderate prices.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1891.

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1891.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A STRINGY man can be relied upon to keep every-

thing but his promise.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Arcton* left

Nagasaki on the 17th inst. at 5 p.m., for this

port.

THE Princess Kaiulani, who is heiress to the

Hawaiian throne, is at a pleasant unfashionable

school in England, where she is being well and

thoroughly trained.

As we went to press this evening (6.30 p.m.) a

fire broke out in Wanchai Road, beyond the bar-

acks, but was soon got under control owing to

the promptness of the police.

THE Premier of New Zealand, Mr. Ballance,

says: "It is the absolute duty of a Govern-

ment to see that employment is provided for

every man willing and able to work."

SENOR ORTIZ, Spanish Consul for Hongkong,

this morning paid his official visit to Commodore

Church, R.N., on board the *Victor Emmanuel*, and

received the usual salute of seven guns.

OUR report of the half-yearly meeting of the

British Mercantile Marine Officers' Association,

held last night, is unavoidably held over till

Monday. The President took the Chair at 9.30

p.m., sharp, and the Treasurer, *inter alia*, laid

the balance sheet for the past six months on the

table. It showed a very fair credit balance and

a great increase in the membership since last

year.

THURM. L. D. Debon, in his book "Faint

Humidities" on "Salvationists" and "the

"General" "Vice and all the low instincts of

the beast are written on their countenances,

which often have nothing human about them.

... Look at the head of these fellows! Have

you ever seen anything more ignoble, more

diabolical? The head is that of a bird of prey,

the hands are the claws of a leopard, the eye is

lens and cruel."

THE agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carill & Co.) inform us that the R.M.S. *Empress of China* left Vancouver on the afternoon of the 17th inst. for this port, via Yokohama and Shanghai.

THE Hon. W. H. Reynolds, speaking on Sir Geo. Grey's *Law Practitioners Bill* in the Maoriand Upper House the other day, said:—"If I had my way I would hang one half the existing lawyers and quarter the other half."

ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH.—The Mission steam-launch *Day Spring* will call alongside the wharf at the corner of C, between 9 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30.

SOME daring iconoclast proposed the other week in the Victorian Upper House that in future a Judge should be merely an ordinary bald-headed citizen, and that his horse-hair top-knot should be abolished. The ancient decoration was saved by only one vote.

It has often been remarked that when three Judges have to sit together and decide upon a "point" it is almost invariably found that two Judges think one way, and the third Judge thinks the opposite. *Ergo* the Law is an untrustworthy element, unable to interpret itself.

GREAT Britain and France have about an equal population, in round numbers, 39 millions. Yet France boasts of to millions of voters under manhood suffrage, while Great Britain has only six millions. British registration laws disfranchise quite two millions among the working-class voters alone.

THREE sons of the author of "Pickwick" are still living. Charles Dickens, the eldest, is editor of *All the Year Round*; Alfred Tennyson Dickens is a merchant in Melbourne; and Edward Bulwer Lytton Dickens is a sheep farmer and one of the new members of the New South Wales Parliament.

THE London newspapers have finally, after much discussion, discovered the correct period when Gladstone's maiden speech was delivered—June 17th 1833. In speaking of the Grand Old Man the *Pall Mall Gazette* declares that he is an authority on everything from Homer's synchronism to fruit preserving.

THE Canadian Pacific Royal Mail Steamship Company's new offices are to be situated in the ground floor of the Hongkong Hotel, fronting Pedder's Street. When the new wing of that gigantic establishment is finished the Company's large room therein facing the harbour.

It is said that the greatest heiress in Rome at present is the eighteen-year-old Prince Maria Barbara Colonna, who will bring to her future husband not only a fortune of \$500,000 but also the title of Prince of Palestrina. Duke of Castel Vecchio, the hereditary prior of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and the hereditary rank of Lieutenant-General of the Papal forces.

ACCORDING to an American contemporary—"There are three codes of morals—one for women, one for men, and one for Royalty. Women must be virtuous or be socially damned; men may do as they please, provided they pay their club-bills and do not cheat at cards; Royalty—well, there's a divinity doth hedge a royal person which makes of his organs very proper tearpieces. The one sympathetic link in these several codes is that nobody—not even a woman—loses caste unless found out."

THE courteous American editor once more goes for the man who runs the rival paper—"He is a squat-eyed, consumptive liar with the breath of a buzzard and the record of a convict—a poor, mallow, slimy lizard—mildewed, corpse-faced creature—a red-moored scavenger with blue mould and the droopy. We have looked at him long and earnestly and recognised in him the features of a razor-backed, long-legged, corner-toed, wolf-whelp. He is a fiendish, greasy freak who combines a two-week-old corpse in the river with a cross-section of a mouque on a busy day." This sort of thing would almost seem to imply that he doesn't like the other man.

## TO-DAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS.

Inward.

*Maifoo* ..... steamer, from Shanghai.  
*Alutao* ..... " " Pakhoi &c.  
*Mario* ..... " " Chefoo.  
*Hsin-yu* ..... " " Canton.  
*Velocity* ..... bark " Honolulu.  
Aggregating 3,963 tons, register.

Outward.

*Arday* ..... steamer, for Canton.  
*Alutao* ..... " " Pakhoi &c.  
*Maifoo* ..... " " Shanghai.  
*City of Rio* ..... " " Yokohama.  
*Yang Ping* ..... " " Shanghai.  
*Haitan* ..... " " Haiphong.  
*Prusian* ..... " " Singapore.  
*Reunited* ..... " " Nagasaki.  
*Kwanglo* ..... " " Shanghai.  
*Lyao-moon* ..... " " Shanghai.  
*Diamant* ..... " " Amoy.  
*Baniam* ..... " " Amoy.  
*Wm. Le Lachur* ..... bark " Kobe.  
Aggregating 19,141 tons, register.

We beg to remind the public (though perhaps there is little need for any reminder) of Professor Friedenthal's second concert to-night, in the Theatre Royal, which H. E. the Governor has promised to attend. The programme consists chiefly of selections from the best works of Chopin, Weber and Beethoven. The historical notes on the "playall" are interesting. The following explanation is given of the famous "Rondol-Prende"—Chopin, during his stay in Mallorca, was lost in a reverie on the piano, whilst a tempest was raging outside. Finally, a single rain-drop continually tapped against the windows, (funny, wasn't it?) which, with its monotonous drip, inspired (it is said) the melancholic Chopin to write this song of tears and sadness. Of the "Etude in E-flat," in his revised edition of Chopin, relates that he was standing one Sunday in his solitary home at Nully when he perceived the distant sound of some village church-bells, which inspired him to write this melancholic study with its beautiful melodies accompanied by the harmonics of church-bells, which suddenly some wild, discordant passages enter, perhaps induced by pain and grief for his distant family and his beloved country, Carl Maria von Weber, filled with enthusiasm by Beethoven's "Farewell-Sonata" (Op. 81) proposed to write a similar piece, to represent the address of a family whose son leaves for the Holy Land to fight the Saracens, the March of the Barons, the Victory and Happy Return of the Youth to his Family; and so he wrote the famous Concertstück. Musicians, however, will greatly admire Weber's beautiful composition, but will not look too minutely for his intended "programme."

## SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Chief Justice Sir J. Russell and a Special Jury.)  
December 10th.

MINHINNITT v. FRASER-SMITH.

Van Epps, recalled, said—I saw Mrs. Goulbourn in October last about a \$400 receipt. I did not take Webber's private diary. I never saw him keeping a private diary other than the office diary. I had a key of the safe. I refused to give Webber the key of the safe before he left the colony because he owed me \$507. I said—"I'll give you the key when you pay me. Not before." The book produced in Webber's office diary.

Mr. Fraser-Smith—I'll recall this witness later on your lordship's permission?

His lordship—I don't think it well to do so. We have had enough of this witness. We must get on with the case.

Mrs. Goulbourn, recalled by plaintiff, said—I brought a charge against my "boy" in 1887—for misconduct to one of my own daughters. But that has nothing to do with this case. I did produce a pair of drawers in that case to the doctor—Doctor Jordan. But it has nothing to do with this case at all. I don't remember being sued by the "boy" at that time for \$12. I was not in the Police Court when Dr. Jordan gave his evidence. That case has nothing to do with this case.

Re-examined—I did tell Inspector Stanton all that I said in my case yesterday. That was before the arrest of Minhinnett on the charge of rape. I told him what I saw in plaintiff's cook-house. The day before the conspiracy trial I came to your office to see Mr. Ward. I came to make a statement about the woman A Nyan and the *Namoa*.

To His Lordship—I was examined on the conspiracy trial. I don't remember saying—"A Nyan told me it was about three years ago that Minhinnett had outraged her." I don't remember saying it was three years ago that Emily was turned out of the house because Minhinnett seduced her. I may have said so, but I don't remember it.

Shik Rajan, clerk in the Godown Company, said—I was once clerk in Mr. Webber's office. It was from August 1888, until he left the colony. I first knew plaintiff in Mr. Webber's office. He was in the office nearly every day. He used to come there in the morning reading the paper. He used to go up-stairs with Mr. Webber. Mr. Webber used to keep a small private diary. He always locked it up in his safe, after making entries.

Cross-examined—I entered Webber's employ in August, 1888. My duties were to enter the diary in the ledger book. It was not my duty to write down the names of every one who came in the office. I kept no diary. Handed the ledger, looks at it and says the first entry is—2nd November, 1888. There may have been another ledger. I made November entries from Roddy's diary. I also posted entries from Mr. Webber's diary.

Re-examined—I don't remember another ledger. When I went to the office I had charge of the ledger produced. There may have been other ledgers.

To His Lordship—I can't say whether there was another ledger kept prior to November, 1888.

At this point the defendant called for Wong A Nyan. The announcement of this woman's name caused quite a sensation in Court. Wong A Nyan was then declared.

His Lordship to Interpreter Ball—Tell her she is to say exactly what happened, without reference to anything that may have been said at any previous time.

This was translated to her and she said "yes." Wong A Nyan said—I have nothing to do at present. I live at Amoy. I have been there for between one and two years. I came back here with the last voyage of the *Haitan*. I don't remember the date. I know the plaintiff. I lived with him six years formerly as "kept woman." In September of last year I gave evidence at the Police Court. On that occasion I stated the truth.

At this point the plaintiff left the Court.

Continuing—After the trouble referred to I gave Li Alai back to her mother.

Plaintiff returned to Court.

Continuing—She took her back to her country. I heard the mother say she was in Hakka. I met her in the street carrying the child to the *Feungling*. I don't know where the mother lived. The woman did not want the child. She said it was sick. The mother was at Bowington carrying pig-wash. She lived at Bowington. She said, by and by, when the child was married, she would give some money to me—that was when I returned the child. No sum was fixed. She did not then give me anything. Mrs. Goulbourn did not speak to me about selling girls. I left Minhinnett because my daughter liked the plaintiff. They both lived each other. I left them. That was Emily. The Police called me up to give evidence. I did not see you before that. Oh yes, I have seen you once before, but it was not in connection with this affair. I went to Amoy last year after the conspiracy trial because I felt ashamed, and I went to Amoy to live. I did not go by the *Namoa*. I went on some steamer. I did go on board the *Namoa*, but I did not mean to go by the *Namoa*. I went on board at 9 p.m. to send a letter only. I came on shore again about 11.30 p.m. I know I saw you. He came to my house and told me to go to the Magistrate. I did not see Quincy on the *Namoa*. He did not speak to me there. Several women went off in the *Namoa*. One of the women was "Chop Dollar." She did go that night. I went to Amoy (last year) one voyage after that—by the *Haitan*. I mean the first voyage of the *Haitan* after that. I went to Amoy a full week after the conspiracy trial. When I came ashore from the *Namoa* I went to Wanchai. I lived at Wanchai that night. I lived at Mr. Rauch's office near the Victoria Hotel. I don't know Alie. There was a Chinese woman living at Rauch's called Alie. I don't know Van Epps. Sometimes Emily sent me money to Amoy for food. That is not why I stopped away. I received the \$20 Emily sometimes \$10, sometimes \$30. I got \$60 once. That was my own money. I also got \$30 on one occasion. I did not mean to come back. I was ill.

To His Lordship—Mr. Rauch came up to Amoy. Saw me sick in bed and said I must go back with him.

Continuing—He did not say why he wanted me back. He gave me two letters, but I did not read them. I can't read. No one read the letters to me. I would not know the letters by sight. Emily is at this year, according to Chinese reckoning. I don't know the date of her birth. It was down on a piece of paper. When examined at the Police Court, I told all I knew to the Magistrate.

Cross-examined—The child's mother is not still living at Bowington. She went back with me to her country. That was fully ten months after I gave back the child. The mother went with the child. I said at Police Court, I never had a quarrel with plaintiff. Mrs. Goulbourn said—Minhinnett had told her that I had sold the girl. I also said—"This is the first time I ever mentioned it (selling the outrage) to any one." This was really the first time

that I told Mrs. Goulbourn about it. That was as long as several months after the 3rd April never left my hands from the time I received it. The article of 3rd August 1890 was written by Mr. Ward. With reference to the conspiracy case I took no trouble to call witnesses. Mr. Ward called Mrs. Goulbourn. I only called Mr. Roddy and that was because he could swear to the paper handed to the Registrar General. He was sitting next to me in Court and said—"Don't call me. There's no case." I believe that's all he said at the time. I came back from Shanghai only three days before the trial.

Continuing—I have never had an unkind word with Minhinnett in my life. I have no malice or ill-will towards Minhinnett. After Mr. Webber left the colony there was an amount due plaintiff—\$5,000 was mine, \$1,300 was Webber's. The \$5,000 was paid by me before the article was published. It was stated by Mr. Francis in opening that I wrote the article to drive plaintiff out of the colony. That is not so. I went to Amoy for the express purpose of getting the woman A Nyan down for this trial, but she had been got down by the other side about two days before. Mr. Rauch went up to Amoy for her. He was I believe sent up by the other side. I was told by one of the Douglas captives that to the best of his belief A Fat is still in Amoy.

After the mid-day adjournment.

Mr. Fraser-Smith said that with reference to the joint promissory note the first application was made by Messrs. Denny and Messop on behalf of Tsang King. They threatened legal proceedings. I wrote back that I had nothing to do with it. The note was then re-transferred from Tsang King to Minhinnett. When Mr. Webber left the colony the plaintiff instituted legal proceedings against me.

Cross-examined—I wrote down Mr. Webber's statement on board the steamship *Memoria* two days out from Port Darwin, (hands in the statement.) I am not sure that the statement contains any reference to the late Mr. John Pitman. It does mention about A Nyan, of course.

At this juncture the Counsel for plaintiff read the statement in question.

Mr. Francis—Now Mr. Fraser-Smith, one question and one question only. Was that when on a voyage from Australia?

The defendant—Yes, I was on a voyage from Australia. I was on board the steamship coming up from Australia.

Mr. Francis read from the *de bene esse* examination.

Mr. Francis—How did you allow Webber to make such statements as he did *de bene esse*?

Defendant—I did allow it. His statements seemed to me to be essentially correct. There were some discrepancies in the details.

To his lordship—My intelligence may have failed to recognise that the statements were essentially different. That is my fault if I failed to do so. I am in a very weak state of health, and I could not be here at all my rights.

His Lordship—You understand you are entitled to my protection and that is why I ask you for any explanation you wish to make.

Witness—Thank you, my lord. When I examined Mr. Webber I did not think that there was any essential difference between Mr. Webber's evidence *de bene esse* and the statement made on board the steamer.

J. W. Gale, a mercantile marine officer, said—I know the plaintiff. I had a business transaction with him recently. I wanted some money, so I asked Minhinnett for it. I got it. He gave me a security, my interest. He has it still. I did not agree about my interest on the loan. It was a free loan, with no interest.

Cross-examined—I got the money. The woman Emily went in the room to get the money. Minhinnett did not refuse me the loan.

A. B. Roddy, solicitor, said—I have been four years in Hongkong. I was managing clerk to Mr. Webber in November 1887. I know the plaintiff. I made his acquaintance in Webber's private rooms. Minhinnett was there repeatedly. It seemed to me that Minhinnett and Webber were on the most friendly terms. I saw a document "Islands" for the Registrar General in your (defendant's) office. I said it contained a very serious charge. I said—"You had better lay it before the Protector of Chinese." I recommended you to write to plaintiff, that you were about to do so. You drafted it in my presence. I was in Court in the hearing of the conspiracy case as your friend. Defendant asked my advice about my going into the "box." I said I was very averse to going in. I told him my reasons after that time. I filed an affidavit a day or two after the conclusion of the trial in which I made a grievous error. I forget what I wrote.

At this point witness was shown the affidavit and read as follows—"I advised Mr. Fraser-Smith not to call any witnesses as I felt so morally certain of the verdict."

Continuing—That is correct. Since that gave defendant another reason for not wishing to go into the "box." It was—"because I had once had my legs under his (Minhinnett's) mahogany." Meaning that I was friendly with him. He was once very kind to me. I did not want to give evidence against Minhinnett.

Mr. Fraser-Smith—That is the case, my lord. His lordship—if you wish it you can put in evidence respecting General Gordon.

Defendant—Yes, my lord, I do. I beg your pardon for the omission.

Mr. Fraser-Smith read Major General's *de bene esse* examination taken down in Chambers on the eve of his departure for Europe.

Alexander Herman Adam Gordon, sworn and examined by the defendant—I was Acting-Superintendent of Police in September 1887. I remember Mr. Mitchell-Innes being upon me as my office on or about that time. I was in reference to certain charges that had been made against the Plaintiff. He showed me a type-written document signed by yourself, he gave it to me. Mr. Mitchell-Innes handed me the document and told me it had been given to him with a view of doing what was right in the matter, but he considered it more a matter for the Police to act for and therefore he handed it to me to do what I thought best. He told me from whom and under what circumstances he got that document.

"Q.—What did he say?"

"A.—Mr. Mitchell-Innes said he got it from Mr. Fraser-Smith. He mentioned that it was an abominable case and that he was informed plaintiff was likely to leave the country. I am under the impression he said he was informed of this by you, but I am not certain. I consulted the Crown Solicitor and took his advice before making any action in the matter. I then got a sworn information on the advice of the Crown Solicitor. It was on the advice of the Crown Solicitor that I gave Mr. Ward to swear the information. It was not on the advice of the Crown Solicitor that the charge was formulated as one of rape. I directed enquiries to be made before the information was sworn, but I went to the Crown Solicitor and got the information sworn before I had got any report. The prosecution was instituted under the advice of the Crown Solicitor. I understood the Crown Solicitor was representing the Government. He advised me to get Mr. Ward to swear the information, and I did so. It was not possible that you (the defendant) could have known that the information was sworn by me. I met Mr. Ward in the Police Court, and got him to swear the information. The information was formulated by the clerk as one of rape. I am not aware that it is the custom for the Crown

Solicitor to be present at laying such a serious charge as this. The information was not submitted to the Crown Solicitor for his approval so far as I am aware. After receiving the plaintiff, I directed Inspector Stanton to prosecute. I reported to the Government after directing Inspector Stanton to prosecute and requested the assistance of the Crown Solicitor to prosecute. I can't remember whether I actually got a reply or not from the Government. I received no communication from the Crown Solicitor on the subject. I saw a minute on the matter somewhere, but I cannot remember where. The Crown Solicitor did not appear. I don't say I did not get a reply, but I saw a minute somewhere, either to the Attorney-General's office, or in my own, and I think it may have been sent to me. I object to say what the minute was. I can't say that the Government refused the Crown Solicitor to prosecute, but the Government delayed or postponed the matter. I was not present at the hearing at the Police Court, except for a very short time. I did not submit the information to the Crown Solicitor. I gave no instructions to Inspector Stanton to have the charge amended. The Police conduct prosecutions generally in the Police Court. I don't remember any charge of rape or one of a serious nature being conducted by the Police. In serious cases I have back the custom to apply for the Crown Solicitor. Thinking this a serious case, I applied to the Crown Solicitor.

"Q.—Did the information elicited by you from your detectives satisfy you that there were good grounds for the prosecution?"

"Mr. Francis objected to the question.

"A.—Yes, I considered there was evidence to lead to suspicion. The case was dismissed before the Crown Solicitor appeared. I understood that this prosecution on behalf of the Police, and the whole responsibility of the case, was on Mr. Francis asked no questions.

(Signed) A. GORDON.  
Taken and acknowledged before me this 28th day of March, 1891.

(Signed) C. F. A. SANDSTER,  
Deputy Registrar.

John Minhinnett was called by Mr. Francis. He said—I am now in the P. W. D. and have been about 13 years in Hongkong in the public service. I came under special agreement and stayed three years. Then went home and came out again under another agreement and served in the Water and Drainage Department until January, 1890, when I came under the general regulations of the P.W.D. I had money when I came—about \$1,100. I have lent sums of money to Mr. Truscott, Mr. Watts, Mr. Bain, and others. At first my pay was about \$160 and my living expenses \$20 per month. I saved \$700 or \$800. In my second period I could save about \$13 a month. I never took any bribe from any contractor, nor received any commission, or discount, or percentage. I am now worth about \$24,000. I was never worth \$100,000 or over at any time. I was never bankrupt. I was a contractor. I lent about \$11,000 on a promissory note to Tian Kian, all lent by cheque except \$500. I deposited his \$11,000 note with the O. B. C. as security for Webber's overdraft. I have had presents (not of money) at Christmas from contractors. Never any "cushaw" or any such money through Goulbourn. He paid my salary. I have heard what he said about Li Alai. It is not true. There is no truth whatever in the statement that I thereupon assaulted the child in any way. Mrs. Goulbourn's statement that she saw the child on my knees with his trousers pulled off is false. An Nyan's statement to the effect is false. I first heard of it when I accused Ah Nyan of selling the girl. The child left my house about November or December 1







